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Corps of Engineers to Release Draft Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Feasibility Report

St. Louis, Missouri, August 3, 2000 – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District has completed the Draft Feasibility Report for the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee. The draft study includes an integrated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). In compliance with National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) requirements, a 45-day period of public review will commence on August 4, 2000 and end on September 18, 2000. Copies of the report have been mailed to those who have asked to be included on the Corps of Engineers' distribution list. The report is in the process of being posted on the St. Louis District web site at www.mvs.usace.army.mil.

Public Workshop Scheduled:

A public workshop is scheduled for August 29, 2000 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Chesterfield City Hall. The workshop will offer the opportunity for the public to discuss the feasibility report with representatives of the Corps of Engineers' Project Delivery Team and provide written comments to become a permanent component of the written record for the project.

Background:

In November 1993, Congress passed a resolution, adopted by Congressman James Talent, R-MO (2nd - District), which authorized the Corps of Engineers to study the flooding problems plaguing the Chesterfield valley. The subsequent St. Louis Region Flood Damage Reduction Study, completed in 1995, included an initial assessment of potential improvements to the privately-owned, operated and maintained Monarch – Chesterfield Levee to protect against a 500-year frequency flood. The reconnaissance study identified several alternative plans and indicated a Federal interest in proceeding to the cost-shared feasibility phase.

In April 1997, the St. Louis District and the Monarch – Chesterfield Levee District entered into 50-50 cost shared agreement to conduct the feasibility study, estimated at more than \$1.55 million. The recently completed Draft Feasibility Report and EIS presents the results of a comprehensive analysis to determine the feasibility and extent of Federal interest in cost-sharing flood control improvement measures in the Chesterfield valley.